

JCPC Minutes 2016-03-03

Present: Katherine Appy, Doug Slaughter, Claire McInnis, Tamson Ely, Sonia Aldrich, Steve Braun, Jonathan McCabe, Ron Bohonowitz, Connie Kruger, Rick Hood

The meeting was called to order at 9:34am.

Ron started with town facilities.

Vehicle \$30k - is replacement vehicle and a charging station. May be more than needed for in case we don't get the grant. \$30k for electric car – around \$25k for the car.

Bangs Center:

Bangs interior – chipping away at it, stairwells need fix + carpeting, etc. FYI currently renovating 2 baths and new floor in large activity room just put done. Also some CDBG money going for renovations

\$7K Windows is to get to \$40K total – is a stopgap – will need to look at total restoration in 10 years or so. Windows are poor quality.

Steve: already spent \$33K on windows? Ron: work waited to get to the full \$40K.

Connie: looking out I do not see placeholder for major window replacement. Ron: said yes will add that.

Steve: repairing just the worst windows? Ron: yes

Ron: \$50K kitchen - to fix issues brought up by board of health; example: not supposed to wash hands in same sink wash dishes with – number is “a healthy number”

Connie: what about stove? Ron: only used to reheating and small things.

Connie: swapping out stove for commercial stove? Ron: no just means better quality, not commercial.

Katherine: this is medium priority? Is there an amount to bring it to compliance?

Ron: \$25K for that.

Ron: Floor scrubber \$8K - much better than mop & bucket - in winter needed for all the stuff tracked in

Katherine: life of machine? Ron: 8-10 years

Ron: north Amherst school \$5K – just maintain roof leaks, generally building in good shape

Steve: deferred drains? Ron: this enough to cover draining

Connie: why is this capital? Ron: because over \$5K and improvement

Claire: this was moved from 2016 to 2017

Ron: Munson Building – carpet, paint, and fix doors - noted that full renovation would be around \$250,000. In previous years renovated baths with his own people.

Connie: should say Munson building not Munson library? Ron: yes

John: voiced approval of these improvements, will help the library Ron: it's for the building, not specifically for the library – though library will benefit

Connie: \$100K for ADA lift? Ron: will become non-complaint at some point and will have to replace

Ron: shade structure \$10K – as part of sidewalk repair would like some kind of seating/waiting structure – medium priority – will put some provision for doing this later when sidewalk concrete sidewalk work is done.

Tamson: currently no place to wait in protection from weather.

Ron: \$50K west structures and doors – placeholder for any kind of energy initiatives that require matching for grants received – nothing specific at this time. Ron explained how sensors in the town room work for air supply as an example.

John: we don't have to worry about return on investment because state pays for it?

Ron: yes, but will not be authorized by state if there is not a return. Streetlight LEDs was another example cited by Ron.

Connie: \$50k is new in the budget – likes the concept, but wanted tracking of how it was used. Ron: if \$50K not used it will move to next year and not ask for another \$50K

Ron: \$10K is furniture for all buildings

Tamson: when does Munson walkway work start? Ron: money is there and this spring it will be done.

Connie: where did get match prior years? Ron: wait, beg, borrow, and steal

Connie: Munson shade – design? Ron: will pass by design review board.

Steve: furniture doubled from last year, why? Ron: yes, upped it because very expensive – gave pricing examples.

Ron: building envelope repairs \$25K/year – again if not used, stays \$25K request in next year. For unexpected repairs, he gave an example.

Connie: why “envelope” instead of “emergency”? Ron: no reason; agreed not really for envelope.

Priorities:

High:

Maintenance vehicle 30K because of grant

Bangs windows

Kitchen

Floor scrubber – productivity

North Amherst water infiltration
Building envelope repair

Medium priority:
Munson items

Ron moves on to school facilities.

Ron: bus \$93K - all are on 10-year plan, after 10 years, up for replacement, but if OK will go 11 or 12. Noted that the town can go out as many years as we like, but contractors must stay below 10 years. Applied for grant for electric school bus - if we receive, will have to pay for charging station, cameras, special drivers seat. We think we will get grant \$500K – note the bus is \$400K. If we get grant will have to provide data back to state. If we get it, this \$93K goes off the list. We do not know for sure yet on the grant.

Katherine: can bus use charging stations already have Ron: will have to have one where bus is housed – we pay to install it, not for the station itself.

Connie: if we get grant, will you still need some of the \$93K? Ron: no can use other past money.

Steve: we need to know about this before TM. Ron: hoping to know very soon.

Bus will only be used in-town. Our busses are used almost all year round, which is good for their data collection.

Katherine: does our green designation help? Ron: yes, are well known by DEOR.

Connie: special paint job for bus, so show it is electric? Ron: yes I would like to.

Ron: \$40K fleet vehicle - for snowplow

Connie: how many vehicles are on list? Ron: around 35, includes 9 busses, 4 SPED vans

Ron: \$20K boiler for WW – shut off non-emergency spending due to new school, but this can't wait as seals are leaking water. Noted there are 2 boilers for redundancy. Will try to hold off, but may have to do this.

John: No redundancy? Ron: yes correct, because not using the second boiler.

Steve: isn't this a "do now" thing? Ron: yes but monitoring the good one, don't want to spend money if possible.

Katherine: if you get \$20K would you do it now? Ron: yes.

Connie: if it happened tomorrow, where money? Ron: maybe envelope fund, or take it out of operating.

Ron: \$15K FR exterior doors – need one more set - 1 of the 6 major access points – last set of major doors

Connie: where is location of doors? Ron: in back near kindergarten, which access K and playgrounds

Ron: FR roof \$10K – general maintenance, drains - will continue to push out big dollars shown in future years.

Ron: FR \$20 parking lighting fix – lost use of some wires underground; real fix is to dig up parking lot and fix wires.

Katherine: we have learned how wet that site is. Ron: yes could have something to do with underground problems

John: FR has to keep going until a new school? Ron: Yes, we have to use these minimally at least and unknown whether town will approve or not.

Ron: If now new school, WW will need \$400K for boilers as example. Lots of big-ticket items will come.

Katherine: FR students not in new building until 2020 under plan proposed. Buckets or water next to kids lockers.

Ron: CF sign \$25K; noted it is not the electric sign

Steve: no electric to current sign Ron: no, maybe solar will be used

Katherine: sign hard to see at night

Ron: energy management \$10K – software allows to see what is going on – this is for update – like add a section of a building

Ron: \$30K Interior upgrades – paint, carpet, etc. Example: past year in FR spent \$10K for paint for mold reduction. Intention to continue on classroom ceilings

Ron: \$5K furniture – general

Priorities:

Bus

WW Boiler

Roof \$10 and doors \$15

Doug: question on out years \$60K paving – is anything in the out years really required soon, or later? Ron: all will be needed if new school does not go ahead. Generators are example of critical items.

Connie: appreciate baling wire approach since unknown on new building

Steve: likes energy priorities

Connie: if we get bus grant will you announce? Ron: yes

Tamson: state money? Ron: yes

Doug: no minutes for today.

Next meeting next Thursday - begin ranking. Remaining meeting dates: 3/10, 3/17, 3/24

CPA on 3/17: A few projects came to CPA that may not be eligible, which held them up a bit.

Steve moved for adjourn, Connie seconded.

Adjourned at 11am

Minutes submitted by Rick Hood

